



Ethel Dixon

June 1, 1917 - June 1, 2012

Ethel I. Dixon,

95, of Felch went to her home in Heaven on Friday, June 1, 2012 at Manor Care Health Services in Iron Mountain, MI.

She was born on July 8, 1916 to Herman and Anna (Mattson) Anderson of Felch. She graduated from Felch High School in 1935. She was the last surviving member of her class. On December 6, 1941 she married Donald R. Dixon also of Felch. He preceded her in death on August 5, 1968. She spent most of her life as a resident of Felch.

In the late 1930's Ethel worked at the Olson Rug Company in Chicago; she also spent a short time working in Detroit, MI as a housekeeper. Later in life she worked at the old Hyland Nursing Home in both housekeeping and laundry.

She was a member of the Felch Mountain Bible Chapel. In her younger years she taught Sunday and Bible School there and was also active in the Women's Ministries. She was a member of the Women's Auxiliary to the VFW Felch-Breen Post 4803 and at one time served as Chaplain. She had also been a member of the Felch School P.T.O. , the Metropolitan Dart Ball League, and a 4-H leader.

Ethel loved to spend time with family, friends and her Bible study "sisters". In her later years she especially enjoyed riding in the local Fourth of July parade with her nephew, Glen Anderson, in his 1929 Model A.

She loved to bake bread, and make special pies and treats for her grandsons;

write poetry, garden and sew. As she grew older she enjoyed feeding and watching birds. Her love for growing things became an indoor hobby and she specialized in growing beautiful African Violets.

Beside her parents, Ethel was preceded in death by two infant sons; her son-in-law, James Koelbl; one sister, Edith (Rudy) Enstrom; four brothers, Warner (Emilia) Anderson, Frank (Kate) Anderson, Sigfred Anderson, and Eskil (Elma) Anderson; one sister-in-law, Bernice (Gilbert) Johnson; 3 brothers-in-law, Earl Dixon, Gordon (Charlotte) Dixon, and Russell (Joyce) Dixon.

She is survived by two daughters Gloria Koelbl of Bark River, Valerie (Jim) Lucas of Breitung Township; seven grandsons, Patrick Koelbl of Ford River, Clinton and Derek Koelbl of Bark River, Adam (Sarah) Lucas of Felch, Andrew Lucas of Eau Claire, WI, Allen Lucas of Adrian, Austin Lucas of Breitung Township; one great-grandson, Dylan Lucas of Felch; sisters-in-law Betty Kenny of Felch, Lucille Stephan of Iron Mountain, Patricia Dixon of Iron Mountain, and Cathy Hinkle of Felch; one God-daughter, Shirley (Norman) Skogman of Foster City, two God-sons, Dale (Debbie) Dixon and Richard (Penny) Skogman of Foster City; and many nieces and nephews.

Friends may call on Saturday, June 9, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the Felch Mountain Bible Chapel. A memorial service will follow the visitation at 12:00 noon. Pastor Joseph Basso will officiate. Burial will be in the Felch Cemetery. Honorary Pallbearers will be her godson's, Richard Skogman and Dale Dixon and grandsons, Clinton Koelbl, Derek Koelbl, Adam Lucas and Austin Lucas.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Ethel Dixon online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Felch Mountain Bible Chapel
W4270 Washington St.
Felch, MI 49831

Memorial Service

JUN 9. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Aww!! sorry to hear of the passing of Ethel. What a great gal.

I feel fortunate to have gotten to know her better by our memberships in the VFW Ladies Auxillary. She was cute as a bug and just the sweetest lady.

May God Bless you at this difficult time....she was a special gal!

*Sincerely,
Mary R. Oman*

Mary Oman - Iron Mountain, MI - Former VFW Ladies Auxillary pals - June 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Dear Gloria and Valerie,

My sincere sympathy to you both during this most difficult time, losing "Mom" is just do difficult. Also know how much she loved you both and her family.

I enjoy hearing so many stories from my aunt, Anne (Branback) Sholander, she and your mom were best friends. They were together all the time growing up, also, my uncle Benny Branback was a best friend to one of your uncles.

My thoughts and prayers are with you both.

Shirley (Bonetti) DeRidder

Shirley DeRidder - Escanaba,, MI - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM